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No Kings Protests Conclude with Overwhelming Peace and Unity Across the Country

Philadelphia, PA -- Today, in more than 2,100 cities and towns across the country, millions of people joined together for the *No Kings Day of Defiance*— the largest coordinated protests since President Trump returned to office. From block parties to marches, families, workers, immigrants, and neighbors showed up in the face of military deployments and political threats to affirm a shared truth: we don't answer to kings, and we will not be ruled by fear.

With hundreds of events still underway, today's No Kings actions have already drawn more than 5 million participants—nearly 2 million more than the Hands Off protests on April 5.

They brought joy, drums, banners, and faith. They came not to clash—but to claim what is ours: the right to gather, to speak, and to rise. And rise we did—with dignity, love, and powerful resolve. Turnout was overwhelmingly more than initially anticipated. Organizers and local law enforcement reported over 200,000 in New York, over 100,000 in Philadelphia, and in some towns like Pentwater, Michigan saw 400 people join in their small town with a population of 800.

In the face of the Trump administration and several Republican governors deploying the military to intimidate protestors, No Kings organizers clearly and publicly committed to peaceful action, and people across the country showed up anyway—with peace, purpose, and joy.

In response to this historic day of action, the No Kings Coalition issued the following statement:

"Today, across red states and blue, rural towns and major cities, Americans stood in peaceful unity and made it clear: we don't do kings.

"While Trump and MAGA-aligned governors wasted public dollars on riot gear and fear tactics, the people brought hope, humor, and harmony. A national act of joyful resistance.

“This administration disappears people while cutting their care—slashing healthcare, gutting education, and criminalizing immigrants instead of delivering dignity.

“But today was a reminder: we are still here. Still organizing. Still rising. Still unafraid.

“We don’t do kings in this country. We do solidarity. We do community. We do justice—and we do it together.”

The No Kings coalition is and remains a nonviolent movement. We are heartbroken by the shooting in Minnesota, where State Representative Melissa Hortman and her husband Mark were tragically killed, and State Senator John Hoffman and his wife Yvette remain in recovery. Our prayers are with their families, their communities, and all those grieving.

In response, and out of an abundance of caution, we canceled all remaining No Kings events in Minnesota early in the day, following the guidance of Governor Walz and law enforcement as the search continues for the suspect. We honor the leadership of those impacted by this act of political violence by doubling down on our commitment to peace, unity, and democratic freedom. We call on every community—across race, faith, and difference—to reject hate of all forms and stand together against political violence.

TOP MOMENTS FROM THE DAY:

Atlanta, GA:

https://www.tiktok.com/@bigmuscletravel/video/7515843615873174815?_r=1&_t=ZP-8xCrQthrvbT

Chicago, IL:

https://www.tiktok.com/@jessinchicago312/video/7515856697995447595?_r=1&_t=ZP-8xCrjIE69eQ

Denver, CO: https://x.com/MarcoFoster_/status/1933967382797602891

Houston, TX:

https://www.tiktok.com/@btnewsroom/video/7515836374260387115?_r=1&_t=ZP-8xCrnFDMVAS

Knoxville, TN: <https://x.com/josheakle/status/1933955545691558178?s=46>

Los Angeles, CA: https://x.com/MarcoFoster_/status/1933952757536555478

Mar-a-Lago, FL: <https://x.com/allenanalysis/status/1933947076133396595?s=46>

Napa Valley, CA (crowd singing):

https://www.threads.com/@marco.foster/post/DK5MfD3vW1V?xmt=AQF06EuIO_6DLt2_CP5DG l-2mS4f8pEhdwQhVUns-ehfPA

New York, NY: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DK5lam9R9oF/?igsh=M3h6cWdnOTBzaHpn>

Oklahoma City, OK: https://x.com/MarcoFoster_/status/1933903670921585015

Philadelphia, PA:

https://www.tiktok.com/@waveroomphiladelphia/video/7515880331522690310?_r=1&_t=ZP-8xCraEmfGYh

San Diego, CA: <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZP8rLN6pV/>

San Francisco:

https://www.threads.com/@marco.foster/post/DK5OKnDSYGn?xmt=AQF06EuIO_6DLt2_CP5DGI-2mS4f8pEhdwQhVUns-ehfPA

The Villages, FL: <https://x.com/Barbie4Congress/status/1933954301283475791>

All No Kings events were organized in coordination with local grassroots partners, grounded in nonviolence, and led by trained volunteers and community leaders committed to safety and solidarity. To view a full list of participating organizations or find photos and footage from the day of action, visit NoKings.org.

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